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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Pharmacists
Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Maximum Allowable Cost Update

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2004, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement the following changes to the Prescription Drug Program:

1. Request dispensing of 20mg fluoxetine capsules in place of 40mg fluoxetine capsules;
2. New additions to the Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) list;
3. Adjustments to existing MACs; and
4. Deletions from the MAC list.

- 1. Beginning November 1, 2004,** the following informational message will post on Point-of-Sale claims submitted for fluoxetine 40mg capsules:

“Please fill fluoxetine 40mg cap Rx's with two 20mg caps for each 40mg prescribed”

MAA is requesting that all pharmacists dispense fluoxetine 20mg capsules in place of fluoxetine 40mg capsules whenever substitution is permitted by the prescriber.

- 2. MAC Additions:**

Generic Name	Strength	Form	MAC Effective 11/01/04
CIPROFLOXACIN HCL	250MG	TABLET	\$0.11620
CIPROFLOXACIN HCL	500MG	TABLET	\$0.15630
CIPROFLOXACIN HCL	750MG	TABLET	\$0.23690
METHADONE HCL	5MG	TABLET	\$0.06090
METHADONE HCL	10MG	TABLET	\$0.10200
NITROFURANTOIN	100MG	CAPSULE	\$1.03960
OMEPRazole	10MG	CAPSULE	\$2.00280
OMEPRazole	20MG	CAPSULE	\$1.97120
TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	20MG	TABLET	\$0.36000

3. MAC Adjustments:

Generic Name	Strength	Form	MAC Effective 11/01/04
OXYCODONE/ASPIRIN	4.88-325MG	TABLET	\$0.55560
PIROXICAM	20MG	CAPSULE	\$0.07908
TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	10MG	TABLET	\$0.18090
TRETINOIN	0.01%	GEL	\$1.62380
TRETINOIN	0.025%	CREAM	\$1.31000
TRETINOIN	0.025%	GEL	\$1.62380

4. MAC Deletions:

Generic Name	Strength	Form	MAC Effective 11/01/04
DOXYCYCLINE HYCLATE	100MG	CAPSULE DR	\$0.00000

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